

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation creates a new section in Idaho Code, Title 54 (§ 54-2321) that establishes and provides for participation in the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, whereby licensed Idaho psychologists can practice psychology across state lines. Further, it allows psychologists licensed in Idaho the ability to provide tele-health and temporary face-to-face services to patients in other Compact states and also allows licensed psychologists from other Compact states the ability to provide telehealth and temporary face-to-face services to Idaho patients.

It increases the number of qualified, licensed psychological service providers in Idaho and protects the health and safety of Idaho patients. In addition, it gives Idahoans access to these specialists across state lines by alleviating current availability in Idaho due to long wait times or the uniqueness of diagnosed treatments.

## FISCAL NOTE

There would be no fiscal impact to the General Fund because any new costs, such as commission fees and background checks, would be covered by licensed psychology service professionals choosing to practice within the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

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